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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/560,527	Applicant(s) IWASAWA ET AL.
	Examiner Margaret G. Moore	Art Unit 1796

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2008.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 to 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 to 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 7 to 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/DS/06)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I in the reply filed on 3/13/08 is acknowledged.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishida et al.

Nishida et al. teach the preparation of polysilanes in the presence of a solvent. See for instance Examples 4 and 24 which show polysilanes having a molecular weight within the claimed range. This meets claims 1 and 7.

4. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Choi et al.

Choi et al. teach the preparation of polysilanes. See for instance Example 13 which prepares a polysilane having a molecular weight within the claimed range in the presence of a solvent. This anticipates claims 1 and 7.

5. Claims 1 and 7 to 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al.

Sato et al. teach a method of forming a pattern in which a polysilane film is formed on a substrate. While the general teachings on column 27, line 40 and on, embrace the necessary molecular weight, Example 15, (A) prepares a polysilane meeting the requirements of claim 1. This is in a solution meeting claim 7. It is subsequently coated onto a substrate (column 114, lines 35 and on). This meets claim 9. Note too column 71, lines 29 and on, which teach the requirements of claims 9 and 10. Column 28 teaches the addition of compounds meeting claim 8.

6. Beppu et al. is cited as being of general interest. This references teaches various polysilanes but refers to their molecular weigh only rather than weight average molecular weight.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret G. Moore whose telephone number is 571-272-1090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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